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Good morning,

My letter is in Reference to: Docket # 1299 - Richard and Carol Turner
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Please find below my letter of [support for Richard and Carol Turner](#):

TO: Luke Hannah, Chairman,
Charles County Board of Appeals,
Charles County Government
La Plata, Md.
E-mail: Carrol Everett at

Docket # 1299 - Richard and Carol Turner
Special Exception & variances for a Slaughterhouse

Dear Mr. Hannah,

I am writing in response to the appeal hearing on Tuesday, February 12 for Richard and Carol Turner, regarding the case of special exception and variances for his slaughterhouse. I am a Charles County resident and have lived in this county for 20 years. I was born and raised on a farm and agriculture has been in my family for over 60 years.

On Tuesday, I watch the County Commissioners meeting and a briefing and PowerPoint were presented by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission. During this presentation the SMADC listed On- Farm Food Processing (Meat Processing) as one of the infrastructure programs and challenges: along with the amount of meats transported in Southern Maryland. I have attached copies of these pages.

I personally know both Rick and Carol Turner, prior to them starting their current meat cutting business. Once they started their business my husband (who is now deceased) and I have them process and package our 4-H animals purchased at the County Fair. I could not ask to deal with better people, they are very sincerely and they look out and help anyone that has a need. Their place is very clean, neat and there is no odor.

Every since I have been going to their location, I have NEVER had any problems with speed or guns on that road or area, as soon of his neighbors stated during the hearing. The holes in the road slow people down. Also, since there are other businesses on that road, what type of traffic do they get and how about the UPS deliveries, everyone from time to time get home deliveries and I've seen how they drive.

In regards to children, the numerous things I've been on that road – it was teenagers that I saw in the front yards – not small children.

I personally would recommend that you and the committee take an “unscheduled road trip” and see for yourselves what the conditions are, including one of the neighbors that build a pad very close to the road and park their RV on it.

Just listening to the complainers – I really get the feeling that it's about the "ROAD" and since it was stated that it is not a private road but a "Public Access Road" then the county should look into what part they really do play in it.

I thank you for allow us to add our comments and support for Richard and Carol Turner, and I ask as a citizen and a tax payer of this County, that their Special Exception & variances be approved, for more than the 5 years as stated in the docket.

Sincerely,

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Attachments –

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